

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No.

60/241,798, filed October 20, 2000, entitled "SIGNAL ENHANCEMENT OF

SPECTROMETERS," is hereby claimed, and the specification thereof is incorporated herein in

its entirety by this reference.--

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